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Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport firefighters Dennis Gregory, left, and Matthew Brown remove the shroud over a memorial site they created at the Public Safety Complex which was dedicated last Sunday to the first responders killed in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Firefighter Michael McLaughlin, right, renders a salute near the ship's bell (hidden). Story, more photos, Pages 10-13, and 18.



Cutter Willow visits Arctic

The Coast Guard cutter Willow returns to NAVSTA from a 45-day deployment for exercises with the Canadian and Danish navies, and a cruise to the Arctic.





Special Olympians enter regatta here

The annual Special Olympics Rhode Island Regatta is scheduled this weekend offshore from Coasters' Harbor Island, with ceremonies on Dewey Field.

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CFC launched at Pawsox game

The 2011 Combined Federal Campaign for Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts is launched at the Pawtucket Red Sox game over Labor Day.

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Table set at Ney for POW/MIA

Today is National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the theme, "The Cost of Freedom," and this year the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) will explain the symbolism of a small empty POW/MIA table at the Ney Hall galley

This table occupies a place of dignity and honor near the head table. It is set for one, symbolizing the fact that members of the armed forces are missing from our ranks.

The table symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single red rose in the vase, signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America.

The yellow ribbon on the vase represents the yellow ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand with unvielding determination a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us today.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of the families as they wait.

The glass is inverted. They cannot toast with us this day.

The chair is empty; they are not here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.



Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo

WELCOME HOME — Family members wave from Pier 2, Naval Station Newport, as the Coast Guard cutter Willow (WLB-202) returns last Monday after 45 days underway to northern Canada and the Arctic.

USCG cutter Willow home from joint Canada exercise

By ENSIGN RACHEL POST

USCG cutter Willow PAO

202) pulled back alongside Pier 2 last the Danish vessel HMDS Ejnar Monday after departing Newport on Mikkelsen, and traveled north through July 28 to participate in Joint Operation Nare Strait to within 25 nautical miles Nanook 11(OP NANOOK 11).

Canada Command, with assistance from Joint Task Force North (JTFN), to the north.

The first part of the operation involved sovereignty and presence patrolling by the Canadian forces in the air, on land and at sea. It also included partners from the United States and Denmark. The second part was an exercise in response to a simulated itime emergency exercise.

The Willow steamed with the Canadi- Gronnedal. an and Danish navies in several exercisand a counter exercise where the Danish navy had to search and find the Willow and the HMCS Summerside (the Guard vessel.

Willow's Canadian navy counterpart during that part of their underway).

Shortly after finishing up with the The Coast Guard cutter Willow (WLB) operation, the Willow joined up with south of the Petermann Glacier, Green-OP NANOOK 11 was conducted by land, before the ice cap halted their vovage.

The latitude reached was the farthest sharpen Canadian forces capabilities in point north ever reached by any nonpolar ice breaker in the U. S. Coast

Following that northern journey, Willow headed south to Thule Air Force Base in Greenland, and participated in a medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) exercise with the HMDS Ejnar Mikkelsen and the air force. Following that exermajor air disaster and a simulated mar- cise the buoy tender continued south to Island Command Greenland in

Willow then departed to the Flemish es including an air defense exercise Cap and participated in two Northwest involving CF-18s, an explosive exercise Atlantic Fisheries Organization Inspections. For the first time these inspections were based from a U. S. Coast

Stand Down RI reaches out to needy veterans

CUMBERLAND — Each organizations and many izations here in the Ocean veterans outreach groups State. These organizations organize and Operation are open to veterans and Stand Down event in Rhode active duty military if you Island. This will be the 18th were/are affiliated. year this event is held beginning today through Association Ocean State Sunday at Diamond Hill Park in Cumberland.

This is a free event open to all homeless or needy veterans who need help finding essential services to overcome personal, social and economic problems. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran who would benefit from attending this outreach contact Stand Down RI at 1010 Hartford Ave., Johnston, by calling (800) 861-8387 or send an e-mail to: info@osdri.com

There are many veterans' organizations throughout Rhode Island that meet regularly.

These organizations provide an excellent opportunity to gather with fellow vets at the meetings and outreach events that support the community we live and work in.

The following is a partial year various social service listing of some of the organ-

Korean War Veterans Chapter: call (401) 722-7146 or e-mail osc4@juno.com for more information.

American Legion, R.I. Department Headquarters: call (401) 726-2126 or email: adjutant@amlegionri.necoxmail.com

Fleet Reserve Association: call (401) 847-4878 or go to: http://www.fra.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Call (401) 847-0102 or go to: http://www.vfwpost4487.org

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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: go to http://www.division8.info/flotilla83/index.h tml

Vietnam Veterans of America: go to www.rivvasc.org or call (401) 621-



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Fallen R.I. Soldiers to earn tribute at Garden of Heroes

PROVIDENCE — The late Army Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino and R.I. Army National Guard Spc. Dennis C. Poulin will be honored tomorrow, Saturday, at 11 a.m. at the Garden of Heroes remembrance ceremony on the southwest lawn of the Rhode Island State House.

This garden was officially named "The Garden of Heroes" through legislation introduced at the request of Lt. Gov. Charles J. Fogarty, and sponsored by Senate Majority Leader M. Teresa Paiva-Weed and House Majority Leader Gordon D. Fox.

The legislation was signed into law June 22, 2004, by then Gov. Donald L. Carcieri. Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts has

to the continued care and support of the Garden.

On Oct. 23, 2005, the garden was officially dedicated to "Rhode Island Service Members who made the ultimate sacrifice during operations in support of the Global War on terrorism since September 11, 2001."

On that day, 14 service members were honored. As



Photo courtesy of R.I. National Guard

The Garden of Heroes Monument is on the southwest lawn of the Rhode Island State House in Providence.

> of last June, the memorial stone bears the names of 22 service members.

Lt. j.g. Francis L. Toner IV, pledged her commitment USN; Lance Cpl. Matthew Serio, USMC; Lance Cpl. John J. Van Gyzen IV, USMC; Lance Cpl. Holly A. Charette, USMC; Sgt. Brian R. St. Germain, USMC; Pfc. Kyle J. Coutu, USMC and Port Security 3rd Class Ronald A. Gill, Jr. U.S. Coast Guard are the seven members of the sea services whose names appear on the stone. The

ceremony is open to all.

Paranzino, Middletown native, died last Nov. 5 while assigned to 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum N.Y. He lost his life Kandahar, Afghanistan, wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

Plans are underway with the U.S. Army reserves to dedicate the recently completed U.S. Armv Reserve Center on Simonpietri Drive in his

honor.

Poulin, a Cumberland native, died last March 31 from injuries sustained during a non-hostile incident in Tsowkey District, Konar Province, Afghanistan. He was a member of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard.

For information, go to: http://www.ltgov.ri.gov/GardenofHeroes/index.php

COOL team pays visit

Navy's newest certification program introduced across Northeast region

By ED BARKER

Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

BOSTON Sailors assigned to the Navy's oldest commissioned warship, the frigate USS Constitution, were visited Sept. 1 by a briefing team representing the Navy's newest certification program.

Navy Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL) offers Sailors in every rating the opportunity to obtain credentials, including certifications, licenses and apprenticeships.

"Even as far back as 1797 when the Constitution was commissioned, qualifications for Sailors were extremely important," said Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Shirley, executive officer of "Old Ironsides" in Charlestown Harbor. "Navy COOL allows our Sailors who are steeped in the traditions and beginnings of our Navy to qualify for the credentials of the 21st century."

team's New England trip nity. included visits to Groton, Portsmouth, N.H., and Boston. According to Bruce Alberque, Navy COOL management ana-



MCSN Shannon Heavin/U.S. Navy photo

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Kelvin Wiggins discusses certification opportunities with Kevin Redmond and Bruce Alberque, members of the Navy Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL) traveling briefing team.

The Navy COOL briefing sented a unique opportudeck of a 214-year-old ship

"The blend of past and Conn.; Newport, R.I.; present found on the Constitution cannot be seen anywhere else in the Navy," said Alberque. "Introducing Navy COOL lyst, "Old Ironsides" pre- to crewmembers on the COOL, Page 18

using a laptop with wireless connectivity really brings home how far we've come."

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Kelvin Wiggins



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Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Devlin Skipworth, right, and Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Derrico Cathey, were recognized in a recent awards ceremony for their efforts during the memorial service for Capt. Donald Graham of Falmouth, Mass. The Letters of Appreciation were presented by Capt. Joseph Voboril, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport to these Sailors for their efforts on Sept. 2.

Warfighting School graduates 32 in War College ceremonies

By JAMES E. BROOKS NWC Public Affairs Staff

held a graduation ceremony for 32 students who completed Advanced School (MAWS) Sept. 8.

MAWS midgrade military officers with warfare planning techniques, extensive leaderand ship advanced warfighting skills that prepare graduates for more challenging assignments in warfighting commands.

MAWS Director, Capt. Pat Molenda, said specialized education at the Naval War College allows graduates to immediately step into critical warfare operation planner assignments.

"There are approximately 160 such specially-designated billets on operational Joint Force Commander staffs," Molenda said. Planning Considerations. "Today, the Navy's numenced officers who are plans in direct support of ners.

skilled in operational plan- forward-deployed, naval ning. Our graduates are operational commanders. taught how to apply mar-The Naval War College itime power and resources you will be in demand," Maritime fast-changing environ-Warfighting ment. MAWS provides an educational foundation lies. provides where practical experience will build upon."

MAWS is a tailored 17mand and Staff resident three Marines. intermediate curriculum of National Security Decision Making, Strategy and Warfare. The students also completed three MAWSdirected electives on Operational Art and Doctrine, Navy Planning Process in the Joint Force Maritime Component Commander (JFMCC) Environment, and

"You are in demand and effectively. These skills are said Naval War College essential in a complex and President Rear Adm. John Christenson, in a speech to graduates and their fami-

This graduating class included 20 Navy officers, as well as students from week trimester of Joint other branches of service, Maritime Operations that five from the Army, four follows the Naval Com- from the Air Force and

> Marine Lt. Col. Jason E. Smith was presented the Admiral Charles "Soc" Horatio McMorris Distinguished Graduate Award based upon academic achievement and ranking by students.

MAWS graduates receive a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, the Naval War College diploma, Joint During the final three Professional Military Edubered fleet commanders months of the program, the cation Phase I certification, and other joint warfare students developed and and qualification designacommands need experi- authored formal concept tion as operational plan-

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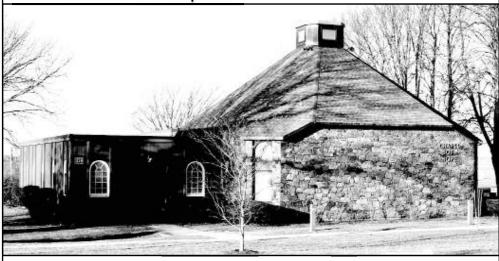
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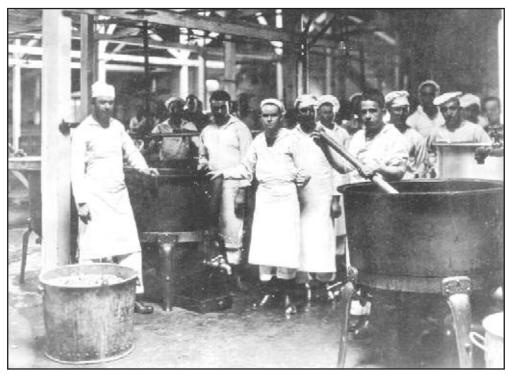
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The Aft Lookout:



Food preparation at the Cooking School in Newport focused on preparing large quantities. What better place for this type of school than the Naval Training Station which was responsible for training, equipping and sending 65,000 men to sea (in addition to the thousands of Naval Reservists that were trained at Clovne Field) during World War I.



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Announcements

Eight Bells lecture Monday

Two programs in the Eight Bells Lecture series are scheduled in September at the Naval War College Museum, second floor.

David Ulbrich will speak on "Preparing for Victory," based on his biography of General Thomas Holcomb, Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1936-1943, on Thursday, Sept. 19, at noon.

Retired Ambassador J. William Middendorf II will present, "Potomac Fever: A Memoir of Politics and Public Service," on Sept. 29 at noon. The former Secretary of the Navy will talk about his career in government and this special lecture will be moved to Mahan Hall, Naval War College.

Call 841-6020 for information.

Motorcycle rider safety training

Naval Station Newport motorcycle Traffic Safety Training classes for the Experienced Rider course will be Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Gate 4 rider range off Coddington Highway; and the Basic Rider course will be held Sept. 20-21 starting at the NAVOSH classroom, Building 1. Both courses will begin at 8 a.m.

To register at ESAMS visit, *www.navymotorcyclerider.-com.* Call (401) 841-1390 for information.

R.I. Blood Center drives

The Rhode Island Blood Center will hold a series of blood drives on Naval Station Newport beginning today.

The Bloodmobile will be at Officer Training Command Newport from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Blood Center phlebotomists will be at Gym 109's basketball court on Sept. 19 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and at the Chief Petty Officers Mess at the Surface Warfare Officers School on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call (401) 621-0155 or e-mail *sperez@ribc.org* for information.

Post Office hours to change

Effective Saturday, Sept. 17, the U.S. Post Office at 1900 Peary St. at Naval Station Newport will reduce its window hours to Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 851-6972 for more information.

Cub Pack 77 rally night

MIDDLETOWN — There will be a Cub Scout Pack 77 information night at Gaudet Middle School Cafeteria on Monday, Sept. 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cub scouting is a year-round family program designed for boys in the first through fifth grades, or age 7 to 10.

The program emphasizes shared leadership, community, family understanding, character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Call (401) 619-0382 or e-mail: *gmckenna@cox.net* for more information.

PSD hours change for OTCN

On the following days and times, Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) ID Cards/DEERS section in Building 690 will be closed for walk-ins and only be serving Officer Development School students at Officer Training Command Newport.

The schedule is Sept. 19-23, 3-4 p.m.; Sept. 26-27, 3-4 p.m.; and Sept. 29-30, 3-4 p.m.

DeConto Scholarship run

SANDWICH, Mass. — The 10th annual Capt. Gerald F. DeConto, USN, Memorial Scholarship Run will be held Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. at Russell's Corner in Sandwich.

Capt. DeConto, whose name is engraved on the Patriots Memorial in front of the Naval War College, was killed on Sept. 11, 2001, in the Pentagon. His legacy of service to his country, leadership, friendship and love of life and family is celebrated each year with the award of this scholarship to a deserving Sandwich H.S. senior.

For more information go to: http://www.geralddeconto5k.com

MOAA luncheon meeting set

The monthly Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) meeting will be held at the Officers' Club, Friday, Sept. 23, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Newport School Superintendent Dr. John H. Ambrogi will be the guest speaker.

Reservations can be made by mailing a check (payable to SENE/MOAA) along choice of entre to: Col. Bob Onosko, USA RET, P.O. Box 15, Wakefield, R.I. 02880, or call (401) 783-0498 no later than Sept. 21.









Special Olympians due for R.I. Regatta here

Olympics athletes reprediggly ding skills. The weather is will lead the Parade of Athsenting Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland and Virginia will compete in unified sailing races on Rhodes 19 sailboats Navy Yacht Club will pro- monies will include the lightin the Special Olympics vide the committee boat for Rhode Island Regatta offshore from Coasters' Harbor Island, on Saturday and Bridge and CHI. Sunday, Sept. 17-18.

Levels 1, 2 and 3 depending provide a color guard and the

expected to be cool and letes to the field and the breezy, perfect for sailing recitation of the Special competition.

the races, and set up the

The Surface Warfare Offi-Races are divided into cer School honor guard will

More than 120 Special on the athletes' boat han- R.I. team, the Salty Dawgs, Olympics oath on Saturday The Coasters' Harbor at 9:15 a.m. Opening cereing of the Olympic flame.

Capt. Joe Voboril, Comcourse between the Pell manding Officer, Naval Sta- Lucy's Church. Sailing will School; Capt. Neil Parrott, commands..

and music will be provided by Navy Band Northeast's ceremonial band.

Sailing competition will until late afternoon. The of medals by Capt. Stacey annual dinner dance will be Pedroza, held Saturday night at St. Officer,

tion Newport, will attend continue Sunday with the Commanding finals races.

The weekend will end Sunday with a cookout, followed by the awards cerebegin at 10 a.m., and last mony with the presentation be at 2 p.m.

SWOSCOLCOM, and other officers and enlisted from NAVSTA tenant commands.

Closing ceremonies will

Volunteers for the races Commanding will be provided by Naval Justice SWOSCOLCOM and other

NAPS football, lacrosse ready for home contests

The Academy Preparatory School's 2011-2012 fall athletics season kicked off in August, but the Rams' first home football and lacrosse contests are this weekend on Nimitz Field.

All games are open to anyone with routine base access.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. the NAPS football team will host Nassau Community College of New Hampshire; and at 5 p.m. the host Bridgton Academy of www.usna.edu/NAPS. Maine.



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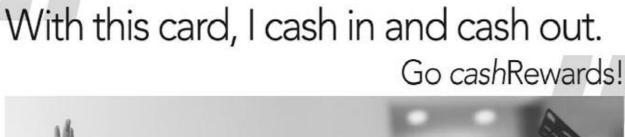
Friday, Sept. 30, NAPS will host Gattaca Junior College under the lights at 7 p.m.

Oct. 8-10 is NAPS Parents Weekend and on Saturday at 2 p.m. the Rams will host Bridgton Academy on

Nimitz Field.

The finale of the football season will be Saturday, Nov. 12 when NAPS hosts the Military Academy Prep School at noon for the "Little Army-Navy" matchup.

For a listing including NAPS lacrosse team will the "away" games, see:





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Pawsox contributed photo

Combined Federal Campaign officials, representatives of charitable organizations and recipients, and guests muster in McCoy Stadium on Labor Day with an oversized ceremonial check showing more than \$1 million was donated last year.

2011 CFC launched at Pawsox game

PAWTUCKET — The Rhode Island and South-Massachusetts eastern Combined Federal Campaign (RI and SEMA CFC) kicked off its "50th anniversary" season at McCcoy Stadium here on Sept. 5, Labor Day.

Established by President Kennedy in 1961, this annual solicitation of military, civilian and postal federal employees for contributions to local, national and international charitable organizations continues to be the largest and most successful workplace philanthropic fundraiser in the world.

According to Vincent Marzullo, the Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairman, federal employees in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts have given faithfully and generously to the CFC.

"In fact, during the past five years, federal donors have contributed almost \$5.5 million to charitable organizations through the CFC," he said.

It was a picture-perfect day at McCoy Stadium as thousands gathered to watch the Pawsox play one of their final games of the regular season before head-



Pawsox contributed photo

Navy Band Northeast plays the national anthem at McCoy Stadium before the Pawtucket Red Sox game begins.

ing to the playoffs.

officials, charitable organization representatives and guests paraded onto the

CFC officials then passed along a ceremonial check charitable organizations representing the dollars

Naval Station Newport.

The celebration ended with Navy Band Northeast playing the national anthem, and the Pawsox Red Wings, 7-3.

pledged in 2010 through about the RI and SEMA for more information.

the CFC. Of the amount CFC visit the CFC website As the CFC logo flashed raised in 2010, \$500,000 at www.riandsemacfc.org on the scoreboard, CFC was contributed by military or call Elizabeth Comeau at and civilian employees at the CFC office at (401) 942-2394 or CFC NAVSTA Coordinator Denise Matherne at 841-3549.

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OTCN graduations today

Officer Candidate School Class 16-11 will hold its graduation ceremony today at 9 a.m. in Kay Hall. Navy Band Northeast will perform with special guest speaker Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, Director, Navy Irregular Warfare Office.

Officer Development School Class 11100 will follow with their graduation in Kay Hall today at 11 a.m. Special guest speaker is Rear Adm. William Roberts, Fleet Surgeon, and U.S. Fleet Forces Command. Call 841-1171 for information.

Hispanic Month noted

The Naval Station Newport will hold an Hispanic Heritage Month observance, "Many Backgrounds, Many Stories, One American Spirit," in the Building 690 Atrium, on Friday, Sept. 30, 11 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch.

Hispanic recipe dishes to share are welcome. This event is put on by the Officer Training Command Newport. E-mail: robert.demanuele@navy.mil or call 841-2055 by Tuesday, Sept. 27, to sign up to bring a dish for the pot luck.

The diversity celebrations are open to anyone with routine base access.

Fall SNA 5K By The Bay

The 86th semi-annual running of the Navy Newport classic, the Surface Navy Association 5K By The Bay, will be Friday, Sept. 23, at 5 p.m. at Naval Station New-

Sponsored by the Newport Chapter SNA, proceeds will benefit the Rhode Island Special Olympics and the Wounded Warrior Project. The race starts and finishes on the northwest corner of Coasters' Harbor Island at the Surface Warfare Officers

The entry fee is \$20 for individuals, and \$80 for teams. Trophies will be awarded for the top overall male and female finishers, and the team winner, with medals for all participants. Online registration is available at: www.active.com (keyword Newport, RI) or for more information e-mail: david.huljack@navy.mil or adam.t.vanhorn@navy.mil.

USAF birthday demo

A Combat Search and Rescue/Personnel Recovery demonstration by the 106th rescue Wing from Long Island, N.Y., will take place near the Naval War College today around 1 p.m.

The aerial demonstration is part of a ceremony to honor the 64th anniversary of the United States Air Force.

The demonstration will be performed by an Air Force HH-60, Pave Hawk helicopter and will include recovering a person in the water. Security boats will be on scene to provide for a safe demonstration zone.

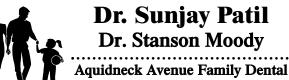
Motorists on the Newport Pell Bridge should remain alert for slowing or stopped traffic during the demonstration.

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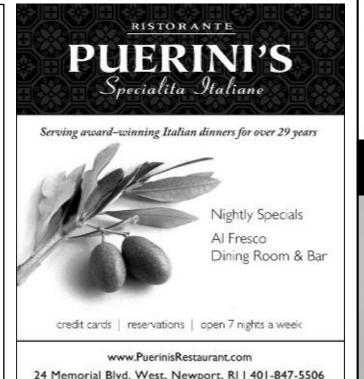


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REMEMBERING 9/11 — Marines from Marine Corps Detachment, Newport, left, followed by the Naval Academy Prep School run down Weenachasett Road last Friday at the end of the 3-mile 'Race to Remember,' sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Dept., as a tribute to our fallen heroes on 9/11. The race was won by NAPS Midshipman Candidate Chris Miller, right photo, in 15:15.

NAVSTA unveils 9/11 memorial to first responders

By BOB KREKORIAN NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, firefighters ny last Sunday on the north Michael McLaughlin. lawn of Naval Station 1373.

attended by approximately 125 guests and family Fire and Security departments, and coincided with 10th anniversary of the attacks in New York, Washnia.

The focal point of the Brown said. memorial is a piece of steel the World Trade Center laid down using bricks from MEMORIAL, Page 18

obtained by the Fire Department from the archives of the Port Author-A memorial honoring the ity of New York and New 343 firefighters, 60 police Jersey. Over the last several officers and nearly 3,000 months the site was develvictims of the terrorist oped and built by NAVSTA Matthew was dedicated in a ceremo- Brown, Dennis Gregory and

"Considering the number (NAVSTA) Newport's Public of firefighters who per-Safety Complex, Building ished, the memorial gave us the former Fire Alarm a good feeling they will The ceremony was never be forgotten," Gregory said.

members of the NAVSTA NAVSTA Fire Station No. 3 on Coasters' Harbor Island were used to build a footing the commemoration of the to support the girder that Anniversary, 2011." A replisits in a small pond.

"The pond is symbolic of ington D.C. and Pennsylva- the country rising up from the September 11 attacks,"

A central walkway leadgirder from the wreckage of ing to the memorial was



Headquarters near Coddington Point.

The inscription on the Bricks from the former bronze plaque affixed to the top of the girder reads, 'We Will Never Forget, September 11, 2001, 10th ca of the plaque used for the ceremony included the organizational logos for NAVSTA Newport's Fire and Emergency Services, NAVSTA Newport, NAVSTA



TOP: The Naval War College color guard posts the colors while active duty members salute to open ceremonies for **NAVSTA Newport's first** responders memorial dedication and day of remembrance ceremony last Sunday at the Public Safety Complex, Building 1373.

LEFT: NAVSTA Fire Chief Tim Kerrigan addresses the audience.

Bob Krekorian/U.S. Navy photos

Patriot Day observance

Symbols of democracy reemphasized

By KATHY L. MacKNIGHT
NHCNE Public Affairs Officer

Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Kimberly A. Ripoli, from Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE), was the keynote speaker at the 9/11 tenth anniversary ceremony held last Sunday in front of the Newport Court House at Washington Square.

The ceremony was attended by Newport fire-fighters, police, Artillery Company of Newport members, Mayor Steve Waluk and past mayors of the city, along with council members, state legislators and local citizens.

With 23 years in the Navy and having served at the Pentagon working for the Deputy Assistant Secretary



Kathy MacKnight/U.S. navy photo

Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF) Kim A. Ripoli, Naval Health Clinic New England, addresses the crowd assembled in front of the Newport County Courthouse in Washington Square in Newport last Sunday for the city's 10th anniversary observance of Sept. 11.

of the Navy, Senior Chief of democracy and what Ripoli spoke of the symbols they say to each of us.

From the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials and from the headstones at Arlington cemetery, "they can teach us much about the ideas that unite us in our diversity, the values that sustain us in times of trial, and the dream that inspires generation after generation of ordinary Americans to perform extraordinary acts of service.

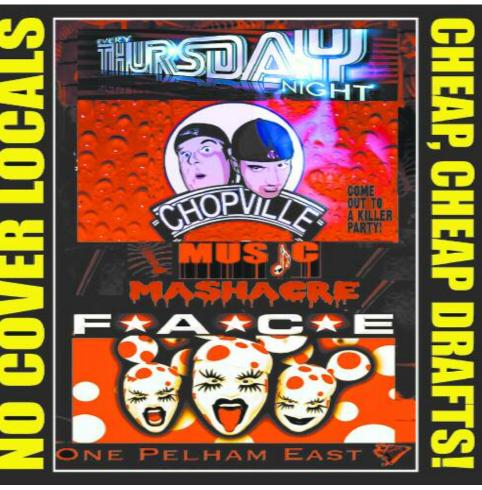
"In short, they are testaments to America's commitment to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all," she said.

HMCS Ripoli is on special assignment at NHCNE for the CNO's Navy Safe Harbor Program for the New England states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



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Rear Adm. John Christenson, left, president of the Naval War College and retired Navy Lt. Kevin Shaeffer, who survived the Sept. 11 attack against the Pentagon, place a wreath at the college's Patriot Memorial during its 9/11 ceremony on Sept. 9. The event, attended by NWC faculty, staff and students, Naval Station Newport personnel, and the entire NAPS class, paid tribute to the three NWC students and seven alumni who were killed that morning.

War College remembers colleagues lost on 9/11

By CMDR. C. McCARTHY NWC Public Affairs Officer

The U.S. Naval War College (NWC) held a memori- have occurred on U.S. honor those lost in the ter- have seen their countrymen rorist attacks of Sept. 11, perish at the terrorist's 2001 and those who have hand," said NWC president, sacrificed their lives in serv- Rear Adm. John N. Christenice to their country in the son during his opening decade since.

The attended by NWC faculty, staff, and students and Naval Station Newport personnel, in addition to nearly 250 midshipman candidates from the Naval Academy Preparatory School. Ten members of the DeConto family of Sandwich, Mass., Capt. Gerald DeConto, were back," he continued. "Many

also present.

"It has been 10, fightingback years since that day, and while no other attacks remarks. "In this nation, ceremony was increased vigilance, tightened security, and the dedication of men and women in law enforcement, homeland security, the intelligence community, and the military have provided a shield which has thus far been successful in protecting us."

who lost family member and our allies have fought

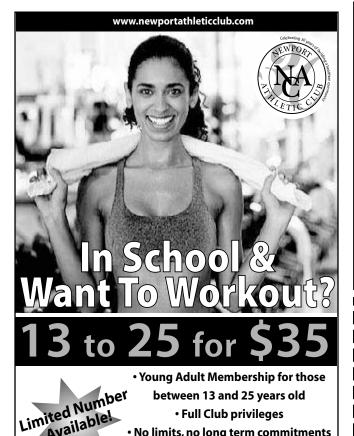
of our best and brightest have made the ultimate sacrifice for us."

Retired Navy Lt. Kevin P. Shaeffer, who was working al ceremony Sept. 9 to shores, many of our friends in the Navy Command Center at the Pentagon during the attack, was guest speaker for the ceremony. The Navy Command Center was destroyed by the hijacked plane's impact.

> "While the memories of my 9/11 experiences are extreme. I believe our collective experiences are relative, as impacting to those who witnessed the events on TV as to those of us who were in its fiery midst," said Shaeffer, a 1994 U.S. Naval "Around the globe, we Academy graduate. "No

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memories of that day cannot, and should not, fade."

serving in the Navy Com- service and sacrifice by our mand Center watched as nation's finest." the attack on the World Trade Center unfolded.

the entire command center special tribute to the three her memory. They also exploded in a gigantic fireball, and I felt myself being alumni who were killed in a wreath-laving. slammed to the deck by a the attack on the Pentagon. massive and thunderous shock wave," Shaeffer said, as he then described being on fire and his struggle to escape the rubble.

He followed glimpses of daylight through the smoke, and his calls for help were answered when Army Sgt. 1st Class Steve Workman evacuated him.

Workman commandeered one of the first ambulances to arrive and accompanied Shaeffer to Walter Reed Army Hospital, where the initial medical evaluation gave him a 50 percent chance of survival.

Shaeffer endured second and third-degree burns over nearly 50 percent of his body, as well as severe chemical injuries to his lungs from inhaling jet fuel at the moment of impact. His long recovery was challenged by infections, cardiac arrests, and a pulmonary embolism.

"While my reflections are deeply personal and are formed by the extreme

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matter where we were, our experience I endured, they Their names are inscribed The men and women of memories marked by ber 2002.

go beyond that," said Shaef- on the memorial, which fer. "They are a continuum was dedicated in Septem-

Newport-area chief petty officer selectees con-Held at the Patriots tributed to the ceremony by Memorial on the NWC stating each victim's name "In a flash, at [9:37 a.m.], campus, the ceremony paid while ringing a bell in his or NWC students and seven formed an honor guard for

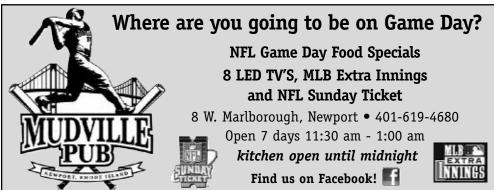


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Midshipman candidates, lower left, from the Naval Academy Preparatory School who marched to the NWC campus, muster for the 9/11 ceremony last Friday.









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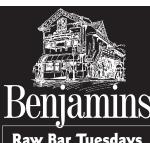


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The first areas affected will be Fort Adams on Monday, Sept. 26; and the Naval Health Clinic New England and Cloyne Court on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

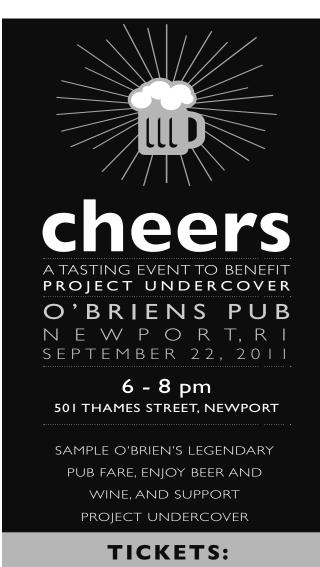


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Professor Andrew Erickson speaks on Chinese Aerospace Power: Evolving Maritime Roles at the Naval War College Museum's Eight Bells Lecture Series last week.

Eight Bells lecture examines growth of China air power

By JOHN KENNEDY NWC Museum Director of Outreach

The 2011-2012 season of the Eights Bells Lecture lishes the maritime context Series at the Naval War Col- and points to the rapid and lege Museum opened last broad-based expansion of week with a presentation of Chinese Chinese Aerospace Power: Although driven by a Tai-Evolving Maritime Roles.

Andrew Erickson, a co-edi- aviation technologies. Sector with Professor Lyle tion two looks at roles for Goldstein for this volume, these increasing aerospace the book is the fifth in the assets, particularly intelliseries, Studies in Chinese gence, surveillance and Maritime Development, reconnaissance. The third published by the Naval section then looks to Institute Press. This is the prospective missions that first book in the series, might result from these however, linking China's advances. military aerospace and maritime capabilities.

six thematic sections and ballistic missile capabiliprovides a good overview of ties, supported by evolving indicators of this growing maritime doctrine. Lastly, national power whose economic and military power implication for the United might challenge, and even EIGHT BELLS, Page 18

impose an "anti-access" challenge to the United States.

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According to Terry Harris, Navy COOL program is a "The following year I was valuable tool for Sailors

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Police, the National Ensign, and a Pentagon drawing. Inscribed on the plaque will be a panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline and the WTC towers.

"Ten years ago it was pretty clear what most of America's public emergency service professionals stood for," said guest speaker Capt. Joe Voboril, Commanding Officer, NAVSTA Newport. We ask these men and women to protect us, to serve us, to save us, he said.

"Think about that number, 343," Certified Food Executive Family Support Center, the he said. Can you name one of the first responders? he asked. Voboril retold the story of New York firefighter Ray York who suffered an earlier injury and couldn't respond to the call for help from other responders at the WTC.

Later, when York heard what had happened, he rushed to help his fellow firefighters, but died amid the falling debris from the second tower.

Voboril challenged the audience to pick a name from amongst the 343 first responders who died at the World Trade Center and learn something about them.

Other parts of the memorial include a bright red fire hydrant that was donated by a local fire department, a connecting line of hose, and a deck gun water monitor that was retained from a 1983 Pierce pumper fire apparatus, Engine #6, that the department formerly owned.

Two ship anchors, a ship's bell, and a flagpole also mark the site. A local construction company donated mulch, loam and sand.

"Although it cannot be determined exactly where this piece of steel was located at Ground Zero, one has to pause for a moment and wonder what floor this may have come from and who worked there," said Fire Chief Tim Kerrigan in his dedication remarks.

"Now this hallowed artifact from such a dark day in our history will serve as a constant reminder that it still has the strength to support an American spirit that will never be broken," he said.

Following the unveiling by Brown and Gregory, McLaughlin rang the bell in a 3-4-3 sequence to honor the firefighters who died



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Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport firefighter Adam Peterson, left, poses for a picture at NAVSTA Newport's 9/11 memorial that was dedicated last Sunday in a ceremony at the Public Safety Complex. Ringing the ship's bell is Peterson's 3-year old son, Liam.

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McLaughlin, who was a junior at Foxboro High School in 2001, said the memorial was symbolic of the department's pride. "It started with a willingness to do something for the victims," he said. Eventually the site was expanded to include a flower garden, he said.

An open house and tours of the complex and an informal luncheon followed.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit 12, Detachment Newport, provided a static display of EOD equipment and the unit's Emergency Response Vehi-

A 10th anniversary Flag of Honor listing all the victims of the terrorist attacks was on display at the ceremony. The Naval War College color guard paraded the colors. Navy Band Northeast's brass quintet played the national anthem, and a bugler played "Taps."

Fire captain Scott Brown read the Fireman's Prayer, followed by NAVSTA Policewoman Marie Duval who read the Police Officer's Creed.

Guests included retired NAVSTA firefighters Jim Tynan and Bill McCollum, and Middletown Chief of Police Anthony Pesare.

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